

METEOROLOGICAL AND CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA FOR JULY 1940

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AEROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

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The mean surface temperatures during July were above normal over a large part of the country. Mean temperatures below normal occurred in parts of Texas and Oklahoma, over the Gulf States, the South Central States and in a narrow strip of the Central Atlantic region. Nebraska and South Dakota, together with eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota, had mean temperatures from 6° to 8° F. above normal for the month, while a small area in northeastern Texas recorded a mean temperature 4° below normal.

At the 1,500 m. level the direction of the resultant winds was south of the normal resultant direction (counterclockwise turning) over most of the country. At this level the opposite turning of the resultant wind, indicating the total mass transport of air from more northerly latitudes than usual during the month, was noted over a portion of the South Central States and the west Gulf States and at separate localities in the northwestern mountain region and along the upper Atlantic coast. The same shift in the direction of the resultant winds occurred at 3,000 meters. No well-defined tendencies were noted when the direction of the 5 p. m. (E. S. T.) resultant winds at the 5,000 m. level were compared with the corresponding 5 a. m. normals for the month.

The 5 a. m. resultant velocity for July at the 1,500 m. level was higher than normal along the Pacific coast, over the Southwest and over the West Central States and below normal over the rest of the country. At 3,000 meters the 5 a. m. resultant velocities for the month were below normal over most of the northern half of the country and were above normal to the southward. Except at scattered stations the 5 p. m. resultant velocities were higher than the corresponding 5 a. m. normals at the 5,000 m. level.

It is interesting to note that again in July most of the country which recorded above normal surface temperatures also showed resultant winds at the 1,500 m. level from directions more southerly than is normal for the month. This tendency is also shown clearly at the 3,000 m. level. In the 2 previous months this relation between the mean surface temperature and the direction of the resultant winds for the month was not in evidence at this higher level.

At the 1,500 m. level during July the directions of the resultant winds at 5 p. m. were in general considerably south of their direction at 5 a. m. (counterclockwise turning). At the 3,000 m. level the resultant winds shifted to the southward during the day over the northwestern and north-central parts of the country, but showed a shift to northward generally over the rest of the country.

At the 1,500 m. level the resultant velocity for the month of July was lower at 5 p. m. than at 5 a. m. over most of the country, this velocity having increased during the day only over the Great Lakes and over the Northwest. At the 3,000 m. level the same changes in resultant velocity were noted except that the increase in velocity extended over Montana and over the North Central States.

At the levels from 4,000 meters up to at least 17,000 meters the highest mean monthly pressures occurred over Phoenix, Ariz., and the lowest over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. However, at the 6,000 m. level, Buffalo and

Sault Ste. Marie both had the same mean monthly pressure, 483 mb. At the 1,000, 2,000, and 3,000 m. levels, Atlantic Station No. 2 had higher mean monthly pressure than any station in the United States. At the 1,000 m. level, for example, the mean pressure at Atlantic Station No. 2 was 914 mb., while the highest for the United States at this level was 910 mb., at Miami and at Norfolk, and the lowest was 901 mb. at Boise, Idaho. At Phoenix, Ariz., where the pressure was maximum at higher levels, a low mean pressure of 902 mb., was recorded at 1,000 meters and a relatively low pressure of 806 mb. at 2,000 meters. Mean pressures were in general lower for all upper levels at more northerly latitudes. At the 10,000 m. level, for example, mean pressures were 291 mb. at Phoenix, 273 mb. at Sault Ste. Marie, 270 mb. at Fairbanks, and 266 mb. at Juneau.

Mean monthly pressures were generally higher during July than during June at all levels from the surface to at least the 14,000 m. level. With only occasional isolated exceptions this was true over all of the United States, over Fairbanks and Juneau and over both Atlantic stations. This increase in mean pressure over that of the preceding month was considerable, amounting, for example, to an average of 7 mb. over the Great Lakes at the 1,000 m. level.

The greatest difference in mean pressure occurred at the 8,000, 9,000, and 10,000 m. levels, at each of which there was a difference of 18 mb. between the pressure at Phoenix and that at Sault Ste. Marie. The steepest mean pressure gradients during the month were found between Sault Ste. Marie and Washington, D. C., and between Sault Ste. Marie and Omaha. In the latter case there was an average difference of 13 mb. in pressure along the 9,000 m. level within a horizontal distance of about 700 miles.

At the levels below 10,000 meters the mean temperatures in July were higher than in June at Fairbanks and Juneau and at both Atlantic stations. This increase in temperature was also generally true over the United States except in the Great Lakes region and in part of the East Central States, where temperatures at these levels were somewhat lower than in June. At most of the levels above 10,000 meters the changes in mean temperature were well distributed. However, at the three levels, 15,000, 16,000, and 17,000 m., the mean temperature was lower than in June over the Rocky Mountain and Plateau region, the average temperature for these levels being about 4° C. lower at Albuquerque than in the preceding month.

At the 1,000 and 2,000 m. levels, lower mean temperatures were recorded over most of the country than were observed during the corresponding month in 1939. At these levels temperatures were warmer for July this year than last only at El Paso and at Miami, over the Northwest and extreme west and along the central Atlantic coast. Only Spokane and El Paso were warmer than last year at all of the next three higher levels, all other stations being in general cooler at these levels.

The altitude of the level of mean freezing temperature in July was higher in general over the western half of the country than over the eastern half. This level of 0° C. was lowest over Sault Ste. Marie, about 2,900 meters, and was highest over Phoenix, 5,300 m. The level of freezing rose rapidly to the southward over the eastern part of the country, being 3,900 m. at Joliet, 4,300 m. at Nashville, and 4,700 m. at Pensacola. Over most of the country the level of freezing was several hundred meters higher than

in June; however, the level of freezing was about 300 m. lower than in June over the eastern Great Lakes.

The lowest free-air temperature at standard levels in July was -76.9° C. (-106.4° F.) recorded at El Paso at the 17,000-meter level. Minimum temperatures lower than -70.0° C. (-94.0° F.) occurred in the free air during the month over all of the United States south of 35° N.; while all free-air minimum temperatures in the area north of 45° , except at Lakehurst, were higher than -69° C. (-92.2° F.). At Juneau, Alaska, the lowest temperature recorded in July was -58.4° C. (-73.1° F.) at 11,000 meters above sea level.

Table 3 shows the maximum free-air wind velocities and their directions for various sections of the United States during July, as determined by pilot-balloon observations. The extreme maximum for the month was 65.2 meters per second (145.8 miles per hour) observed on July 4 at Washington, D. C. This high-velocity wind was blowing from the WSW at an altitude of 9,860 meters (over 6 miles) above sea level. This velocity, however, was 18.8 meters per second (42 miles per hour) lower than the extreme velocity observed in July 1939.

Tropopause data for July showing the mean altitude and temperature of the tropopause at various stations are shown in table 4 and on chart XIII.

TABLE 1.—Mean free-air barometric pressure (P.) in millibars, temperature (T.) in degrees Centigrade, and relative humidities (R. H.) in percent, obtained by airplanes and radiosondes during July 1940

Altitude (meters) m. s. l.	Stations and elevations in meters above sea level																				
	Albuquerque, N. Mex. (1,620 m.)			Atlanta, Ga. (300 m.)			Billings, Mont. (1,089 m.)			Bismarck, N. Dak. (505 m.)			Boise, Idaho (864 m.)			Buffalo, N. Y. (220 m.)			Charleston, S. C. (14 m.)		
	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	
Surface	13	842	23.0	43	12	984	19.8	88	14	893	21.6	51	13	959	18.6	64	13	915	22.8	37	
500					12	962	19.7	83					13	906	21.5	48	13	901	25.7	33	
1,000					12	908	18.2	76					13	855	18.1	49	13	852	24.8	28	
1,500					12	856	16.1	75	14	852	20.7	49	13	806	14.5	54	13	803	21.4	27	
2,000	13	806	22.3	40	12	807	13.3	77	14	803	18.3	47	13	759	11.5	56	13	753	17.2	28	
2,500	13	760	18.8	39	12	760	10.2	78	14	758	15.0	49	13	715	8.5	54	13	714	13.3	29	
3,000	13	717	15.2	42	11	716	7.3	79	14	714	11.4	53	13	633	2.2	54	13	634	5.6	36	
4,000	13	636	7.3	51	10	634	1.8	80	14	633	3.9	60	13	558	-4.3	50	13	560	-2.8	43	
5,000	13	563	-0.7	60	10	559	-3.7	78	14	559	-3.7	67	13	491	-10.4	42	13	493	-9.9	43	
6,000	13	496	-8.3	66	10	492	-9.5	76	14	491	-11.0	66	13	431	-17.6	41	12	432	-16.9	40	
7,000	13	435	-14.8	64	10	432	-15.7	71	14	431	-18.0	63	13	376	-25.2	43	12	377	-24.9	40	
8,000	13	381	-22.0	64	9	378	-22.7	73	14	376	-25.5	60	13	326	-32.9	39	12	328	-33.1	39	
9,000	13	331	-29.4	62	9	329	-30.3	69	14	327	-33.6	58	13	282	-41.2	2	12	284	-41.0	2	
10,000	13	288	-37.0	60	9	285	-38.4	64	14	283	-42.4	2	13	243	-49.1	2	12	244	-49.2	2	
11,000	13	248	-44.6	2	9	246	-46.8	2	14	244	-50.8	2	12	208	-56.7	2	12	209	-52.3	2	
12,000	12	213	-52.3	2	9	211	-54.6	2	14	208	-58.3	2	12	177	-60.4	2	12	179	-60.3	2	
13,000	12	182	-58.7	2	10	180	-61.5	2	14	177	-61.7	2	12	129	-64.5	2	12	132	-64.3	2	
14,000	12	155	-63.3	2	11	153	-64.6	2	14	151	-61.8	2	11	151	-58.2	2	12	152	-59.4	2	
15,000	12	132	-66.8	2	11	130	-66.9	2	14	128	-61.5	2	11	129	-58.6	2	12	130	-60.0	2	
16,000	10	112	-68.7	2	11	110	-68.8	2	13	110	-62.2	2	11	110	-59.1	2	11	111	-60.8	2	
17,000	10	98	-68.3	2	11	93	-68.2	2	12	93	-62.4	2	10	94	-57.7	2	11	94	-59.9	2	
18,000	9	80	-64.9	2	9	79	-66.5	2	10	79	-60.7	2	8	80	-56.5	2	5	79	-54.5	2	
19,000	8	68	-61.3	2	7	67	-63.1	2	7	67	-57.8	2	5	68	-56.4	2	5	67	-53.1	2	
20,000				5	57	-59.4		5	57	-55.8						7	58	-60.3			
21,000																6	49	-58.5			

Altitude (meters) m. s. l.	Stations and elevations in meters above sea level																			
	Denver, Colo. (1,616 m.)			El Paso, Tex. (1,193 m.)			Ely, Nev. (1,008 m.)			Fairbanks, Alaska (153 m.)			Joliet, Ill. (178 m.)			Juneau, Alaska (49 m.)				
	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.
Surface	13	843	18.2	66	13	884	26.7	33	13	812	17.9	34	13	993	21.3	45	13	999	15.8	77
500													13	856	18.3	43	13	982	19.3	56
1,000													13	901	14.8	45	13	907	17.0	59
1,500													13	849	10.6	49	13	855	13.4	64
2,000	13	806	19.4	58	13	806	23.6	32	13	804	20.4	30	13	799	6.5	53	13	805	10.1	67
2,500	13	760	16.6	54	13	761	20.0	33	13	758	20.1	25	13	751	2.5	57	13	758	7.5	65
3,000	13	716	13.2	54	13	718	16.2	37	13	715	16.4	25	13	706	-1.3	59	13	713	4.7	59
4,000	13	635	6.1	60	13	637	8.1	43	13	635	8.0	31	13	622	-8.7	56	13	631	-0.4	50
5,000	13	562	-1.2	67	13	564	0.1	54	13	561	-0.7	38	13	547	-12.6	50	13	556	-5.7	39
6,000	13	494	-8.5	71	13	497	-6.3	51	13	494	-8.7	39	13	479	-18.9	47	13	488	-12.5	35
7,000	13	434	-15.5	71	13	437	-12.7	47	13	434	-15.8	35	13	418	-26.2	47	13	428	-19.7	31
8,000	12	380	-22.2	66	13	382	-19.2	45	13	380	-23.4	31	13	363	-33.9	46	13	373	-27.1	30
9,000	13	330	-29.8	65	13	333	-26.6	41	13	330	-31.5	30	13	314	-41.3	33	12	324	-35.0	30
10,000	13	287	-38.1	33	13	290	-34.5	38	13	286	-39.4	33	13	270	-47.8	33	11	280	-42.4	33
11,000	11	247	-46.4	42	13	250	-42.4	42	13	246	-47.3	33	13	222	-52.7	33	11	241	-49.5	33
12,000	11	212	-53.6	33	13	216	-50.3	33	13	211	-54.2	33	13	199	-53.2	33	10	206	-55.3	33
13,000	11	181	-58.6	33	13	184	-57.4	33	13	180	-58.7	33	13	171	-50.5	33	9	176	-59.0	33
14,000	10	154	-62.4	33	13	157	-62.8	33	13	154	-61.7	33	13	146	-48.9	33	9	160	-60.3	33
15,000	9	132	-64.4	33	12	133	-67.8	33	13	131	-62.8	33	13	125	-47.5	33	8	127	-50.4	33
16,000	9	112	-65.5	33	11	113	-70.8	33	13	111	-64.3	33	12	108	-46.7	33	7	108	-60.0	33
17,000	9	95	-65.0	33	11	95	-70.6	33	11	94	-63.1	33	10	93	-46.0	33	7	92	-59.3	33
18,000	9	81	-63.1	33	10	80	-67.7	33	9	80	-60.6	33	10	80	-45.4	33	5	78	-57.2	33
19,000	7	69	-60.0	33	8	68	-64.6	33	5	68	-57.7	33	10	69	-44.8	33	5	69	-44.1	33
20,000													7	61	-43.6	33				
21,000													7	61	-43.6	33				

See footnotes at end of table.

MEAN MONTHLY ISENTROPIC CHART¹

The dominant features on the mean monthly isentropic chart ($\Theta=314^{\circ}$ A.) for July 1940, are the typical summertime anticyclonic eddy over the South Central States, and the moist tongue over the Gulf coast. Assuming that the chart, although based only on data for the first half of the month, was representative in its broad aspects of conditions for the entire month, the large excess of precipitation over the Gulf coast may be related to the moist tongue which prevailed there, and perhaps the deficiencies which lie southwest of the lakes were caused by the dry tongue associated with the anticyclonic eddy.

TABLE 1.—Mean free-air barometric pressure (P) in millibars, temperature (T) in degrees Centigrade, and relative humidities ($R. H.$) in percent, obtained by airplanes and radisondes during July 1940—Continued

Altitude (meters) m. s. l.	Stations and elevations in meters above sea level																							
	Lakehurst, N. J. ¹ (39 m.)				Medford, Oreg. (401 m.)				Miami, Fla. (4 m.)				Minneapolis, Minn. (263 m.)				Nashville, Tenn. (180 m.)				Norfolk, Va. ^{1,2} (10 m.)			
	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	H. R.
Surface	31,012	18.2	93	13,969	22.6	33	13,019	25.4	80	13,989	18.7	71	13,997	20.4	85	27	1,019	22.5	86	13,015	15.8	79		
500.	31,960	20.5	68	13,958	22.5	34	13,968	24.1	83	13,961	19.5	58	13,961	19.5	80	27	964	22.9	67	13,958	18.0	71		
1,000.	31,906	17.7	62	13,904	20.2	35	13,910	21.1	77	13,907	17.2	57	13,907	17.9	77	27	910	20.0	63	13,905	22.0	35		
1,500.	31,854	14.5	62	13,853	16.9	40	13,859	18.6	68	12,855	13.3	63	13,855	15.4	78	27	858	16.5	63	13,854	20.8	26		
2,000.	31,805	11.6	58	13,804	13.9	45	13,809	15.9	64	12,805	9.8	65	13,806	12.0	75	27	809	13.4	56	13,805	18.1	24		
2,500.	30,757	8.8	52	13,757	11.8	47	13,763	13.1	59	12,758	6.6	61	13,759	10.4	73	27	762	10.8	50	13,759	14.5	23		
3,000.	30,713	6.1	47	13,713	9.2	45	13,718	10.2	54	12,713	4.2	53	13,715	7.7	73	27	717	7.8	48	13,715	11.2	22		
4,000.	29,630	1.0	42	13,631	2.7	44	13,637	4.6	51	12,630	-0.3	38	12,633	2.0	69	27	635	1.9	44	13,634	4.7	22		
5,000.	29,556	-4.6	42	13,557	-3.6	41	13,563	-1.9	54	12,556	-6.1	37	12,558	-3.5	63	25	560	-4.0	38	13,560	-2.2	22		
6,000.	29,489	-10.5	41	13,490	-10.4	36	13,496	-7.6	62	12,488	-12.7	37	12,492	-9.2	56	—	—	—	—	13,493	-8.8	21		
7,000.	29,429	-17.0	43	13,430	-17.5	34	13,435	-13.5	61	12,428	-19.6	35	12,432	-15.4	54	—	—	—	—	12,433	-16.4	20		
8,000.	29,375	-24.1	43	13,375	-25.4	34	13,381	-20.0	60	12,373	-27.5	31	12,378	-22.4	52	—	—	—	—	12,377	-24.7	20		
9,000.	29,326	-31.3	41	13,326	-33.6	35	13,332	-27.4	56	12,324	-35.2	32	12,328	-30.8	53	—	—	—	—	12,328	-32.7	21		
10,000.	29,283	-38.9	—	13,282	-41.7	—	13,288	-35.3	52	12,280	-42.7	—	12,285	-38.3	—	—	—	—	—	12,284	-40.7	—		
11,000.	29,244	-46.2	—	13,242	-49.8	—	13,249	-43.6	—	12,241	-50.0	—	12,246	-46.9	—	—	—	—	—	12,245	-48.7	—		
12,000.	28,210	-52.8	—	13,208	-57.2	—	13,214	-51.6	—	11,206	-56.0	—	12,211	-54.9	—	—	—	—	—	12,209	-55.6	—		
13,000.	28,179	-58.1	—	13,177	-61.5	—	13,183	-58.9	—	11,176	-59.6	—	12,180	-60.2	—	—	—	—	—	12,179	-60.2	—		
14,000.	28,153	-61.5	—	13,151	-60.3	—	13,156	-64.9	—	10,150	-58.3	—	11,153	-63.3	—	—	—	—	—	12,152	-61.7	—		
15,000.	28,130	-63.2	—	12,129	-59.5	—	12,132	-68.7	—	10,127	-58.0	—	11,130	-64.7	—	—	—	—	—	12,130	-62.2	—		
16,000.	28,111	-63.0	—	11,110	-60.0	—	12,112	-70.3	—	9,109	-58.0	—	10,110	-65.2	—	—	—	—	—	12,110	-63.1	—		
17,000.	27,957	-61.5	—	11,93	-60.0	—	12,94	-70.2	—	9,92	-57.6	—	10,94	-64.6	—	—	—	—	—	12,94	-62.8	—		
18,000.	24,811	-59.5	—	10,89	-59.4	—	10,80	-67.7	—	9,79	-57.2	—	8,79	-63.0	—	—	—	—	—	10,80	-61.7	—		
19,000.	16,681	-57.2	—	10,68	-58.1	—	9,68	-64.7	—	6,67	-55.6	—	8,67	-60.9	—	—	—	—	—	8,68	-59.9	—		
20,000.	8,571	-55.0	—	—	—	—	6,57	-61.5	—	—	—	—	5,57	-57.9	—	—	—	—	—	6,58	-57.7	—		

Altitude (meters) m. s. l.	Stations and elevations in meters above sea level																							
	Oklahoma City, Okla. (391 m.)				Omaha, Nebr. (301 m.)				Pearl Harbor, T. H. ¹ (6 m.)				Pensacola, Fla. ¹ (24 m.)				Phoenix, Ariz. (339 m.)				St. Louis, Mo. (171 m.)			
	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.
Surface	13,972	21.1	82	13,984	22.0	57	13,980	23.9	82	13,018	28.1	79	13,970	30.9	26	13,999	21.5	68	13,961	22.2	62	13,908	19.6	62
500.	13,960	21.6	77	13,962	22.4	53	13,963	18.5	87	13,909	21.0	67	13,902	34.4	18	13,856	15.8	66	13,852	20.7	28	13,855	15.0	63
1,000.	13,908	20.1	68	13,908	20.1	53	13,855	16.4	76	13,858	17.9	65	13,853	30.8	18	13,856	20.6	28	13,850	20.6	28	13,850	20.6	28
1,500.	13,855	17.9	60	13,856	22.2	51	13,807	14.4	56	13,806	14.8	64	13,808	26.3	18	13,807	12.5	67	13,807	12.5	67	13,807	12.5	67
2,000.	13,806	17.0	48	13,806	12.6	50	13,759	12.6	50	13,759	13.1	45	13,762	11.8	61	13,761	22.2	18	13,760	11.0	54	13,760	11.0	54
2,500.	13,760	15.0	41	13,760	12.6	50	13,760	12.6	50	13,760	12.6	50	13,760	12.6	50	13,760	12.6	50	13,760	12.6	50	13,760	12.6	50
3,000.	13,716	12.3	38	13,716	9.8	46	13,716	9.8	46	13,716	11.0	34	13,718	9.2	60	13,718	18.0	19	13,716	9.1	44	13,716	9.1	44
4,000.	13,635	5.9	37	13,634	3.9	47	13,634	4.9	32	13,634	4.9	32	13,636	3.6	57	13,638	10.0	24	13,634	3.7	33	13,634	3.7	33
5,000.	13,561	-1.2	42	13,560	-2.3	42	13,560	-2.3	42	—	—	—	13,562	-1.9	46	13,565	2.5	25	13,560	-2.4	31	13,560	-2.4	31
6,000.	13,494	-8.7	48	13,493	-8.8	42	13,493	-8.8	42	—	—	—	13,495	-7.3	41	13,498	-4.9	26	13,493	-9.4	31	13,493	-9.4	31
7,000.	13,454	-14.6	43	13,433	-15.6	40	13,433	-15.6	40	—	—	—	13,454	-13.3	41	13,453	-11.8	26	13,433	-16.2	42	13,433	-16.2	42
8,000.	13,379	-22.3	41	13,378	-22.5	39	13,378	-22.5	39	—	—	—	13,380	-20.0	51	13,384	-19.5	26	13,378	-23.5	31	13,378	-23.5	31
9,000.	13,320	-20.3	35	13,320	-24.6	44	13,320	-33.0	44	15,368	-31.2	46	15,319	-38.8	44	15,324	-34.6	40	15,328	-23.0	33	15,328	-23.0	33
10,000.	11,288	-35.5	34	12,286	-39.8	—	12,273	-47.5	—	12,276	-45.8	—	12,281	-42.7	—	12,281	-28.4	38.0	12,281	-42.7	—	12,281	-42.7	—
11,000.	11,249	-42.9	—	12,246	-46.9	—	12,234	-51.5	—	10,237	-51.9	—	11,242	-50.4	—	11,242	-24.5	45.9	11,244	-45.9	—	11,244	-45.9	—
12,000.	11,214	-49.7	—	12,212	-53.8	—	11,201	-54.8	—	7,203	-52.4	—	11,207	-56.4	—	11,207	-21.0	53.0	12,210	-53.0	—	12,210	-53.0	—
13,000.	11,184	-56.1	—	12,181																				

TABLE 1.—Mean free-air barometric pressure (P_a) in millibars, temperature (T) in degrees Centigrade, and relative humidities (R. H.) in percent, obtained by airplanes and radiosondes during July 1940—Continued

Altitude (meters) m. s. l.	Stations and elevations in meters above sea level								Stations and elevations in meters above sea level							
	Atlantic Station No. 1 ³ (5 m.)				Atlantic Station No. 2 ⁴ (5 m.)				Altitude (meters) m. s. l.				Atlantic Station No. 1 ³ (5 m.)			
	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obs.	P.	T.	R. H.
Surface	31	1,020	23.5	86	25	1,026	22.5	86	10,000	-	-	-	26	284	-37.9	47
500	31	963	19.7	85	25	968	19.3	85	11,000	-	-	-	25	245	-45.0	-
1,000	31	908	17.0	77	25	914	16.6	82	12,000	-	-	-	24	211	-52.0	-
1,500	31	857	14.5	71	25	861	14.6	71	13,000	-	-	-	24	190	-57.2	-
2,000	31	807	12.3	65	25	812	12.6	65	14,000	-	-	-	23	154	-60.5	-
2,500	31	760	9.6	65	25	764	10.4	61	15,000	-	-	-	23	131	-61.2	-
3,000	31	716	7.0	61	25	720	7.7	57	16,000	-	-	-	22	112	-61.3	-
4,000	30	633	1.1	60	25	637	1.7	51	17,000	-	-	-	19	95	-60.7	-
5,000	28	559	-4.2	56	25	562	-4.2	46	18,000	-	-	-	19	81	-59.0	-
6,000	28	492	-9.8	51	25	494	-9.5	38	19,000	-	-	-	16	69	-57.4	-
7,000	28	431	-16.1	48	24	434	-15.8	34	20,000	-	-	-	11	58	-56.0	-
8,000	28	377	-23.4	47	24	379	-23.0	32	21,000	-	-	-	8	50	-54.5	-
9,000	27	328	-30.5	47	23	330	-30.4	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Note.—All observations taken at 1 a. m., 75th meridian time, except those at Washington, D. C., Lakehurst, N. J., Norfolk Va., and Pensacola, Fla., where they are taken before 5 a. m., 75th meridian time. At Pearl Harbor, T. H., observations are taken after sunrise.

None of the means included in this table are based on less than 5 standard level observations.

Number of observations refers to pressure only as temperature and humidity data are missing for some observations at certain levels; also, the humidity data are not used in daily observations when the temperature is below -40.0° C .

¹ U. S. Navy.

2 Airplane observations.

3 In or near the 5° square: Lat. $35^{\circ}00'$ N. to $40^{\circ}00'$ N. Long. $55^{\circ}00'$ W. to $60^{\circ}00'$ W.
4 In or near the 5° square: Lat. $40^{\circ}00'$ N. to $45^{\circ}00'$ N. Long. $40^{\circ}00'$ W. to $45^{\circ}00'$ W.

In or near the 5° square: Lat. $40^{\circ}00'$ N. to $45^{\circ}00'$ N. Long. $40^{\circ}00'$ W. to $45^{\circ}00'$ W.

TABLE 2.—Free-air resultant winds based on pilot balloon observations made near 5 p. m. (75th meridian time) during July 1940. Directions given in degrees from North ($N=90^\circ$, $E=90^\circ$, $S=180^\circ$, $W=270^\circ$)—Velocities in meters per second

TABLE 2.—Free-air resultant winds based on pilot balloon observations made near 5 p. m. (75th meridian time) during July 1940. Directions given in degrees from North ($N=360^\circ$, $E=90^\circ$, $S=180^\circ$, $W=270^\circ$)—Velocities in meters per second—Continued

Altitude (meters) m. s. l.	New York, N. Y. (15 m.)	Oakland, Calif. (8 m.)	Oklahoma City, Okla. (402 m.)	Omaha, Nebr. (306 m.)	Phoenix, Ariz. (344 m.)	Rapid City, S. Dak. (982 m.)	St. Louis, Mo. (181 m.)	San Antonio, Tex. (183 m.)	San Diego, Calif. (15 m.)	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (230 m.)	Seattle, Wash. (14 m.)	Spokane, Wash. (603 m.)	Washington, D. C. (10 m.)		
	Observations	Direction	Velocity	Observations	Direction	Velocity	Observations	Direction	Velocity	Observations	Direction	Velocity	Observations	Direction	Velocity
Surface.....	31 193 1.5 21 264 5.4 31 158 5.1 31 140 2.7 31 257 1.7 31 121 3.7 31 158 1.5 31 294 3.8 31 287 2.9 31 233 1.9 31 212 2.6 30 234 1.2														
500.....	31 242 2.2 31 271 3.4 31 159 5.9 31 141 3.5 31 262 2.0 31 148 3.6 31 296 3.4 31 285 4.9 31 233 2.0 30 269 1.8														
1,000.....	28 276 3.7 30 261 3.6 31 173 4.6 31 160 4.6 31 254 2.6 31 123 3.6 31 171 1.6 31 135 3.5 31 270 1.4 31 223 3.5 30 287 2.6														
1,500.....	27 290 4.7 30 240 3.3 30 191 5.1 31 188 4.9 31 237 3.0 31 146 4.0 31 148 3.3 30 273 2.4 30 285 5.4 30 224 3.6 30 294 3.4														
2,000.....	25 302 6.4 30 235 2.7 29 207 3.0 31 209 205 5.4 31 226 2.3 31 162 4.0 31 162 2.6 30 259 3.2 30 292 5.2 26 212 4.0 30 297 4.3														
2,500.....	23 305 6.0 30 222 3.5 28 235 1.8 31 229 4.5 31 213 3.6 30 193 3.8 31 282 2.8 29 153 2.1 29 243 3.6 27 292 6.1 23 202 4.7 28 217 5.0 29 299 5.3														
3,000.....	18 307 5.7 30 224 4.3 27 307 8.1 31 267 211 4.3 31 215 3.0 31 241 3.9 31 271 3.8 27 194 2.1 28 239 3.4 26 292 7.4 20 202 5.9 26 216 5.9 26 299 5.3														
4,000.....	13 303 6.6 30 227 6.4 28 347 2.5 31 287 3.3 31 29 194 2.8 31 252 7.2 26 337 3.6 31 24 55 1.5 27 219 5.2 23 205 11.7 19 209 9.1 23 221 10.2 22 296 6.3														
5,000.....	11 300 6.6 30 223 8.0 28 357 4.3 31 312 6.0 29 174 4.4 26 259 10.1 24 333 4.9 16 38 0.9 26 196 6.2 20 307 12.8 16 264 11.1 21 222 11.7 18 289 5.6														
6,000.....	-----	29 220 9.9 25 352 5.1 31 311 6.8 25 193 3.3 31 222 264 13.7 22 318 7.0 13 33 1.3 26 209 5.4 18 307 13.4 12 225 15.4 18 232 14.1 17 275 6.3													
8,000.....	27 222 13.2 24 2 2.7 15 302 8.9 19 265 2.6 10 266 16.9 19 312 7.5 10 25 2.7 14 318 4.9 13 317 15.5 15 230 15.8 11 280 9.9														
10,000.....	24 219 16.6 22 16 3.6 14 314 11.0 17 239 6.7 14 318 4.9 13 317 15.5 11 234 17.0 11 234 17.0														
12,000.....	19 223 18.0 20 36 2.6 14 312 8.8 14 250 9.9 14 318 4.9 13 317 15.5 11 234 17.0														
14,000.....	17 228 18.6 15 283 3.0 13 313 8.3 11 267 6.7 14 318 4.9 13 317 15.5 11 234 17.0														
16,000.....	13 212 10.2 12 296 6.0 -----														

TABLE 3.—Maximum free air wind velocities (m. p. s.), for different sections of the United States, based on pilot-balloon observations during July 1940

Section	Surface to 2,500 meters (m. s. l.)				Between 2,500 and 5,000 meters (m. s. l.)				Above 5,000 meters (m. s. l.)							
	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m. s. l.)	Date	Station	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m. s. l.)	Date	Station	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m. s. l.)	Date	Station	
Northeast ¹	24.3	WSW	830	25	Buffalo, N. Y.	30.8	WNW	3,500	1	Columbus, Ohio	54.2	WSW	9,290	13	Caribou, Maine	
East-Central ²	22.9	W	2,500	1	Norfolk, Va.	35.3	WNW	4,110	1	Elkins, W. Va.	65.2	WSW	9,880	4	Washington, D. C.	
Southeast ³	19.9	ESE	910	5	Atlanta, Ga.	22.7	ENE	4,250	12	Tallahassee, Fla.	43.0	SSW	10,150	18	Atlanta, Ga.	
North-Central ⁴	33.4	WSW	1,255	24	Minneapolis, Minn.	51.4	SW	4,600	6	Alpena, Mich.	52.0	NW	7,680	1	Milwaukee, Wis.	
Central ⁵	31.4	WSW	1,690	25	Sioux City, Iowa	35.8	WNW	4,600	1	Chicago, Ill.	44.8	WNW	9,760	2	Chicago, Ill.	
South-Central ⁶	27.8	SSE	1,190	17	Big Spring, Tex.	23.3	SE	2,630	16	Amarillo, Tex.	36.2	NE	10,640	18	Lake Charles, La.	
Northwest ⁷	32.4	WSW	2,350	12	Pocatello, Idaho	34.4	W	4,560	6	Pocatello, Idaho	52.5	WSW	9,460	27	Boise, Idaho	
West-Central ⁸	36.7	SSW	2,277	12	Modena, Utah	61.8	WNW	8,330	6	Casper, Wyo.	64.9	WSW	9,730	24	Redding, Calif.	
Southwest ⁹	27.2	E	1,850	12	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	28.3	SW	3,350	23	San Diego, Calif.	53.3	SW	11,428	19	Las Vegas, Nev.	

¹ Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and northern Ohio.

² Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, southern Ohio, Kentucky, eastern Tennessee, and North Carolina.

³ South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

⁴ Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

⁵ Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

⁶ Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas (except extreme west Texas), and western Tennessee.

⁷ Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

⁸ Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, northern Nevada, and northern California.

⁹ Southern California, southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and extreme west Texas.

TABLE 4.—Mean altitudes and temperatures of significant points identifiable as tropopauses during July 1940, classified according to the potential temperatures (10° intervals between 290° and 409° A.) with which they are identified (based on radiosonde observations)

Potential temperature, °A.	Albuquerque, N. Mex.			Atlanta, Ga.			Billings, Mont.			Bismarck, N. Dak.			Boise, Idaho			Buffalo, N. Y.			Charleston, S. C.			
	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	
290-299																						
300-309																						
310-319	1	8.6	-31.1	5	11.2	-50.6	15	11.9	-58.7	12	11.2	-52.3	8	11.8	-55.8	8	11.1	-53.0	12	12.7	-59.2	
320-329	3	10.3	-42.0	13	12.9	-62.0	8	12.9	-63.8	12	12.7	-61.3	12	12.7	-60.3	11	12.6	-58.4	12	14.0	-65.8	
330-339	9	12.8	-60.4	2	13.4	-62.5	4	13.5	-63.0	2	13.3	-61.0	1	13.2	-61.0	4	12.8	-67.5	2	14.6	-67.0	
340-349	6	14.6	-67.0	4	14.4	-66.5	2	14.3	-65.0	1	14.6	-63.0	1	13.6	-62.0	1	13.6	-62.0	2	15.4	-68.5	
350-359	2	13.4	-63.0	2	13.4	-62.5	4	13.5	-63.0	2	13.3	-61.0	3	15.6	-59.7	2	15.9	-63.0	5	16.5	-69.0	
360-369	1	16.2	-69.0	5	16.7	-69.8	4	15.6	-64.2	2	15.4	-61.0	2	15.4	-62.5	4	14.4	-55.8	4	16.0	-69.5	
370-379	1	16.7	-70.5	2	15.2	-63.5	4	15.6	-64.0	3	15.6	-59.7	2	15.9	-63.0	1	15.7	-57.8	1	17.3	-70.0	
380-389	1	17.0	-69.0	2	17.2	-70.0	1	16.4	-65.0	4	16.1	-59.5	2	16.2	-61.5	4	15.7	-57.8	1	17.3	-70.0	
390-399	1	17.0	-69.0	2	17.2	-70.0	1	16.4	-65.0	13.0	16.0	-57.9	12.9	16.0	-58.5	12.0	16.0	-53.6	14.4	16.4	-64.7	
400-409	13.8	-61.7	14.0	-63.4	13.2	-61.8	13.0	-57.9	12.9	16.0	-58.5	12.0	16.0	-53.6	12.0	16.0	-53.6	12	16.1	-64.7		
Weighted means																						
Mean potential temperature °A. (weighted)	360.0		360.4		351.8		354.8		351.6		351.6		347.7		361.2							
No. days with observations	11		12		14		12		12		12		13		12							

TABLE 4.—Mean altitudes and temperatures of significant points identifiable as tropopause during July 1940, classified according to the potential temperatures (10° intervals between 290° and 409° A.) with which they are identified (based on radiosonde observations).—Continued

Potential temperatures, °A.	Denver, Colo.			El Paso, Tex.			Ely, Nev.			Fairbanks, Alaska			Joliet, Ill.			Juneau, Alaska			Lakehurst, N. J.				
	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.		
290-299																							
300-309																							
310-319																							
320-329																							
330-339	6	10.9	-48.5																				
340-349	13	12.4	-57.1	10	12.4	-55.4		11	9.9	-42.0	8	9.9	-49.4	2	9.6	-43.5	6	8.8	-45.3	1	7.7	-32.0	
350-359	3	14.1	-66.7	5	14.0	-64.0		15	12.3	-57.2	4	12.0	-56.5	7	11.3	-52.7	9	10.4	-55.7	3	9.7	-47.0	
360-369	1	14.6	-64.0	5	14.9	-68.2		6	13.7	-63.7	1	13.5	-62.0	5	12.3	-57.4				10	11.2	-52.9	
370-379	2	15.2	-67.0	3	16.0	-72.0		2	14.8	-64.0					1	14.3	-61.0				17	12.1	-54.0
380-389	3	15.7	-65.7	5	16.5	-72.4		4	15.7	-66.0										9	13.6	-62.7	
390-399	1	16.0	-64.0	2	16.7	-72.0		4	16.1	-65.2										9	14.8	-67.4	
400-409	1	16.6	-65.0	1	17.4	-72.0		3	16.6	-65.0										3	14.6	-62.0	
Weighted means		13.1	-68.6						14.5	-64.8						10.5	-51.8				4	15.4	-63.8
Mean potential temperature °A. (weighted)		353.7																		1	16.8	-68.0	
Number days with observations		10																		2	15.8	-59.0	
																				12.9	-57.9		

Potential temperatures, °A.	Medford, Oreg.			Miami, Fla.			Minneapolis, Minn.			Nashville, Tenn.			Oakland, Calif.			Oklahoma City, Okla.			Omaha, Nebr.			
	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	
290-299																						
300-309																						
310-319																						
320-329																						
330-339	12	11.3	-53.5	3	11.4	-51.3	9	10.9	-50.4	3	12.0	-59.3	2	8.6	-35.5	4	10.7	-46.2	5	11.4	-53.8	
340-349	16	12.6	-60.4	10	12.6	-57.6	9	12.6	-50.4	7	12.5	-58.7	11	12.4	-58.6	10	13.3	-59.2	8	12.3	-55.5	
350-359	3	13.1	-61.0	9	14.0	-65.1	5	13.2	-60.4	4	13.5	-62.0	8	13.5	-62.8	7	14.0	-65.6	5	13.2	-59.0	
360-369	1	14.0	-64.0	5	14.9	-68.4				2	14.2	-66.0	1	14.2	-62.0	8	14.4	-64.4	2	15.0	-68.0	
370-379				3	15.7	-71.0				1	15.4	-66.0	2	14.8	-61.5	1	15.7	-71.0	1	15.1	-62.0	
380-389				5	16.5	-73.4				3	15.3	-64.0	3	15.6	-65.0	4	15.9	-67.8	1	15.4	-62.0	
390-399	1	16.0	-64.0	2	16.6	-70.0	1	15.3	-61.0	2	16.3	-67.5	2	15.2	-64.0	1	17.2	-73.0	3	16.0	-63.0	
400-409	1	16.3	-62.0	1	17.0	-66.0	1	15.9	-60.0	2	17.2	-67.5				1	16.6	-65.0	2	16.6	-62.0	
Weighted means		12.5	-58.3					12.0	-54.5											13.6	-60.3	
Mean potential temperature °A. (weighted)		345.3																				
Number days with observations		13						12								11			12		13	

Potential temperatures, °A.	Phoenix, Ariz.			Portland, Maine			St. Louis, Mo.			San Antonio, Tex.			San Diego, Calif.			Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.			Seattle, Wash.			
	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	
290-299																						
300-309																						
310-319				4	9.0	-48.8																
320-329				6	9.9	-47.5	1	9.8	-43.0													
330-339	3	10.4	-39.7	10	11.5	-56.2	9	10.6	-45.6	5	10.2	-39.8	7	10.1	-38.4	5	10.1	-51.0	4	9.4	-44.0	
340-349	14	12.1	-51.9	4	12.7	-63.0	10	12.3	-55.0	11	11.4	-46.5	13	12.3	-55.2	3	12.7	-60.7	3	11.9	-53.7	
350-359	6	13.5	-59.5	1	13.5	-65.0	5	13.4	-60.0	6	13.4	-58.7	7	13.2	-58.7	1	13.6	-61.0				
360-369	4	14.4	-64.2				3	13.9	-61.7	8	14.8	-67.2	8	14.9	-68.9							
370-379	3	15.3	-67.3	1	14.2	-66.0	2	15.0	-60.0	4	16.3	-70.8	5	15.9	-69.2	1	15.1	-60.0				
380-389	11	16.3	-70.7	1	16.2	-64.5	2	16.2	-64.5	2	16.8	-68.5	3	16.5	-68.7							
390-399	1	16.9	-72.0	4	15.1	-57.0	2	16.0	-69.0	1	16.7	-68.5	2	17.2	-68.5				1	15.5	-57.0	
400-409				1	16.0	-69.0	1	16.7	-68.5	12.7	-55.1		13.7	-58.8	13.3	-58.6		11.5	-55.7	10.7	-60.5	
Weighted means		13.9	-59.8				11.8	-54.9												12		8
Mean potential temperature °A. (weighted)		361.2					344.2									353.7						
No days with observations		12					12									11						

Potential temperatures °A.	Spokane, Wash.			Washington, D. C.			Atlantic Station No. 1 ¹			Atlantic Station No. 2 ²		
	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean temperature °C.
290-299												
300-309												
310-319												
320-329	1	9.7	-45.0									
330-339	11	11.1	-51.5	3	11.3	-53.3	10	10.8	-48.4	7	11.3	-52.0
340-349	12	12.4	-59.0	5	12.6							